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SUBJECT: R/V ALPHA HELIX CLEARANCE REQUEST, 15 JUNE - 28 JULY 1978

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED CLEARANCE FROM THE APPROPRIATE OFFICE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (THE FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE WHICH OPERATES THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE) FOR THE ALPHA HELIX TRIP. THAT CLEARANCE, HOWEVER, CONTAINS THREE STIPULATIONS: FIRST, IF ANY OF THE PRINCIPAL RESEARCHERS HAVE DONE WORK IN THE GALAPAGOS PREVIOUSLY, THE MINISTRY WOULD LIKE COPIES OF THE RESULTS OF THAT RESEARCH; SECOND, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE MUST ACCOMPANY THE EXPEVDITION IN ORDER TO OBSERVE AND APPROVE METHODOLOGY, ITINERARIES AND WORK SITES; THIRD, TEN COPIES OF THE RESULTS OF THE RESEARCH MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE MINISTRY AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE.

2. SINCE TIME IS SHORT, EMBASSY SUGGESTS COPIES OF ANY PREVIOUS RESEARCH SIMPLY BE BROUGHT BY DR. BARTHOLOMEW OR OTHER RESEARCHERS. ALTERNATIVELY, THAT INFORMATION CAN BE POUCHED TO THE EMBASSY FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE MINISTRY. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED ASAP IN EVENT NONE OF THE SCIENTISTS HAVE DONE WORK IN THE GALAPAGOS PREVIOUSLY IN ORDER TO TRANSMIT THAT INFORMATION TO THE MINISTRY.

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3. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS, AFTER CONVERSATIONS WITH BOTH THE NAVY AND THE MINISTRY, THAT THE PARK SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE ACCOMPANYING THE ALPHA HELIX WILL OCCUPY ONE OF THE BERTHS WHICH HAS BEEN RESERVED FOR THE GOE. IT IS NOT, REPEAT NOT, A REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL GOE OBSERVER. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE OTHER BERTH WILL BE TAKEN BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF FISHERIES.

4. THE NAVY HAS INDICATED THAT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE
CLEARANCE FOR MARINE RESEARCH HAS BEEN STAFFED AND IS NOW AWAITING
THE SIGNATURE OF THE SUBSECRETARY. IT SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE
EMBASSY ON JUNE 6, OR SOON THEREAFTER, AND WE WILL INFORM
THE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY.
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